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Frances Simmons  
839 N. Sacramento Blvd. Apt1D  
Chicago, IL 60622  
Application No. 09/595,473  
Patent No. 6,378,463

August 24, 2011

Paul Shanoski  
Senior Attorney  
Office of Petitions

Re: Response to Inquiry

Dear Paul Shanoski,

This letter is to response to inquiry concerning relevant information and documents pertaining to my burden and unavoidable delay. I have attached three letters from three individuals who have set forth the facts as they know them, and also included a \$400 money order for the petition fee requirements.

If you have any other questions please feel free to contact me Frances Simmons at 773-507-9000.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding of this unavoidable delay.

Sincerely,



Frances Simmons

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Derrick Ellis  
901 N. Homan Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60651  
August 16, 2011

Paul Shanoski  
Senior Attorney  
Office of Petitions

Dear Paul Shanoski,

I Derrick Ellis have known Frances Simmons for 30 years, she is a pillar in our community, has always been a giver. I have also witness her hardship the burden of not working since 2005, not being able to support her dreams and others. Frances is a very responsible person she talks about her patent all the time. I would hate to see a beautiful dream end a nightmare. I Derrick Ellis will support Frances Simmons financially the duration of her maintenance fees as of this date below.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 773-908-5903

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Derrick Ellis".

Derrick Ellis

Date 8-16-11



August 17, 2011

To Whom This May Concern:

I Debra Johnson a friend of Frances Simmons for the last 27years, has witness her being out of work since 2005. I wish there was more I could do to help her situation. She has always given to all in need, and to see her experience hardship like this bring tears to my eyes. Frances would have never jeopardized her invention. She really did not have the finances to pay her maintenance fees that were due on April 30, 2006. Her goal for this invention is to invest back into her community to help youth understand their purpose in life. In spite of, she is still pushing to help others.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at information below

Sincerely,

Debra Johnson  
839 N. Sacramento Blvd. appt 3D  
Chicago, IL 60622  
773-317-6682

Debra Johnson  
Signature

8-17-11  
Date



Regina Allen  
901 North Drake Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60651  
August 18, 2011

Re: Frances Simmons

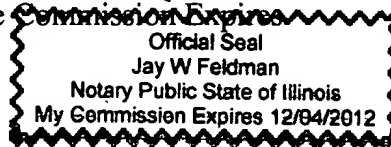
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to attest that Frances Simmons was unable to remit her patent fees due to unemployment. I have known Frances for 20 plus years and am aware of her financial situation. Over the years I have provided her with monetary gifts to support her basic necessities. Frances lost her employment in 2005 and since that time has not worked. Because of her achievement in obtaining a patent for her invention, I was more than happy to assist her when I could. I wanted to support her dreams to manufacture her invention, so from time to time I helped her with money. As much hard work, effort, time, and dedication put into developing her product, her delayed/missed payment was truly unavoidable as she would dare not jeopardize losing her patent for any reason less.

Regina Allen  
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901 North Drake Avenue  
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August 18, 2011

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